GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2041
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SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL RETURN BY NGO
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Division set up under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 has introduced online submission of application for registration of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and filing their annual returns;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the number of NGOs have submitted their returns and applied for registration after the introduction of the online process;

(c) whether any prohibitory order has been issued recently for registration of NGOs;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether these prohibitory orders has been lifted for those NGOs who have filed their annual returns;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken by the Government to propularise the online process?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(g) : Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2041 FOR ON 13TH MARCH, 2007 BY SHRI RAVI PRASKASH VERMA AND SHRI NAKUL DAS RAI REGARDING SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL RETURNS BY NGO

(a) A new facility − 'FCRA − on line' was launched on 29th September 2006 in Chennai to facilitate associations to file applications for registration under FCRA and submit the statutory annual returns regarding receipt and utilization of foreign contribution online on the MHA's website : www.mha.nic.in

(b) So far 576 applications have been received online and the same are being processed for further consideration for grant of registration or otherwise. As far as filing of annual returns through online process is concerned, it is submitted that the associations seeking foreign contributions for a particular financial year are required to submit annual accounting returns before 31st July every year. As the online facility was launched on 29th September 2006, the online returns for the year 2006-07 will be submitted by the associations after 31st March 2007.

(c) − (f) As regards prohibitory orders, it is submitted that 8673 organizations have been placed in the Prior Permission category for non submission of FC-3 returns vide Gazette Notification No. S.O. 1621(E) dated 18/11/2005. List of NGOs which have been placed in the Prior Permission category and the list of NGOs which have since been exempted from the provisions of the said Gazette Notification are available on the Ministry of Home Affairs website : www.mha.nic.in

(g) MHA had organized a seminar in Chennai to popularize the online facilities.The seminar was attended by more than 300 delegates from across the country and it was widely reported in the Press. So far more than 11800 people have accessed the FCRA online facility in last 5 months which itself indicates the popularity of the online service facility.